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News from The Folly (Vibrant Settle, July 2014)

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By the time you read this, our two new exhibitions, 'War Beckons' and 'Journeys Through a Family Archive' will be up and running. We are especially pleased that The Folly is the opening venue for Craven's five-year programme of commemorations of World War I. This is entirely appropriate because Settle and North Craven played such an active role during the early months of the war in recruiting men and women for service, mustering horses from the farms, welcoming Belgian refugees and fundraising for the troops. We have uncovered some fascinating stories and we need your help to discover more. One section of the exhibition is called 'Are you related to any of these men?' So, drop in and see if you are, or know anyone else who might be.

Equally fascinating to local people are the stories contained in 'Journeys Through a Family Archive', which features the lives of the Riley and Green families who both arrived in Settle at the end of the 19th century. Did you know that vines used to be grown on the Ashfield car park or that Kirkgate once looked like a country lane? Come and find out more!

A week ago some of us went up to Giggleswick Scar to watch the excavations of possible World War I practice trenches being carried out under the auspices of the National Park by members of the Ingleborough Archaeology Group and young archaeologists from across the area. It was a well-supported day and you can come along to The Folly on Monday, 28 July at 7pm to hear James Spry of the YDNP talk about the results of the dig and other investigations of WWI sites round Settle. So, plenty to see and enjoy this month!

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